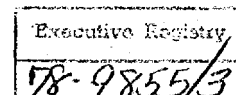
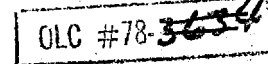


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December 14, 1978



MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
THE ADMINISTRATOR, ARMS CONTROL  
AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY  
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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SUBJECT: Clearance of Foreign Policy  
Testimony to Congress

My memorandum of August 16, 1978, regarding clearance of foreign policy testimony to Congress is hereby revised as noted below.

First, OMB's legislative coordination and clearance responsibilities as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-19 (revised July 31, 1972) remain fully in effect. The requirements under that Circular apply to all proposed legislation and reports or testimony on pending bills (generally considered "legislative" issues), including those which deal with foreign policy. In the case of any "legislative" testimony, A-19 is, of course, applicable and the coordination and clearance function will be carried out by OMB.

However, in the case of all congressional requests for your agency to give "oversight" testimony (defined as testimony not "legislative" in nature) on U.S. foreign policy related matters, we would appreciate being informed at that time on the subject, the Department's representative, and the time and date of the hearing. We will then inform you directly whether it will be necessary to clear the statement.

I have conferred with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget regarding this matter, and he shares my view that the procedures outlined in this memorandum will ensure the proper coordination and clearance of both "legislative" and "oversight" testimony as it relates to foreign policy.

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Zbigniew Brzezinski

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